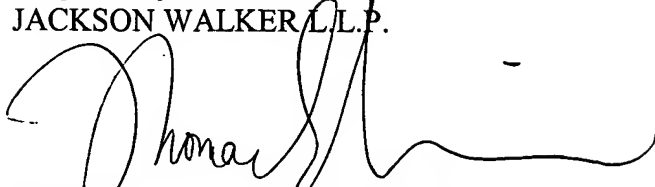


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The above amendments to the Application are made simply to clarify the disclosure and advance the prosecution of the Application.

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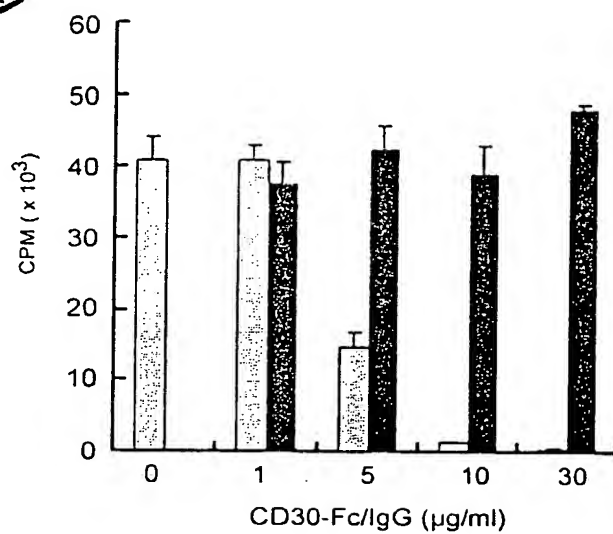


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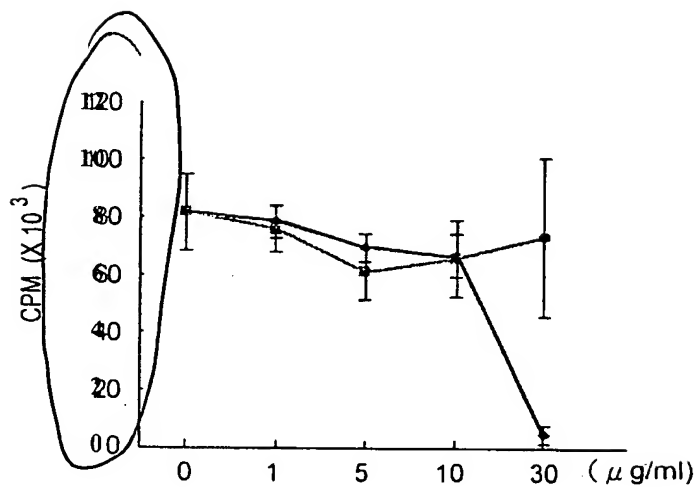


FIG. 3B